



File Code: 1950; 2700
Date: September 20, 2019

Dear Interested Party:

This project announcement letter serves to initiate scoping, “an early and open process for determining the scope of issues to be addressed” (40 CFR § 1501.7). Scoping is required for all Forest Service proposed actions, including those that would appear to be categorically excluded from further analysis and documentation in an EA or an EIS (36 CFR 220.4(e)(1)). I request your input on the Caddo-Womble Ranger District’s Entergy Permit Amendment – Ferry Service Line.

The Forest Service proposes to amend Entergy’s current permit (CAD0012) and add approximately 50’ long x 30’ wide cleared power line right-of-way in Section 4 of Township 2 South, Range 24 West, Montgomery County, AR. This action would require removing the vegetation and maintaining the cleared area for as long as the power line is in use for service to the John and Vicky Ferry property. The activity would include installation of one (1) power pole in the existing right of way and a single phase, 7,600 volt overhead distribution line within the cleared right-of-way. Ground disturbance would be limited to the hole for the power pole and minor surface scarification typically occurs with the removal of woody vegetation.

Unless scoping identifies extraordinary circumstances, this project is within a category of actions that is excluded from documentation in an EA or an EIS; only a decision will be documented. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Chip Stokes by phone at (870) 867-2101, by email at chip.stokes@usda.gov, or address written comments to District Ranger at the address listed above. Your comments would be most helpful if received by **October 4, 2019**.

Sincerely,



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District Ranger

Enclosure



